

Glynn's bid to be fit

WYCOMBE will be hoping that Terry Glynn and Bobby Davies are quick healers so that both will be fit to play against reigning Isthmian League champions Enfield at Loakes Park tomorrow (Saturday).

Both missed Tuesday night's encounter with Hayes. Glynn, the in-form striker, was suffering from influenza, while Davies did not want to risk a leg strain.

Glynn will probably play however he feels, as the match is against the club who got rid of him at the end of last season. Wycombe snapped him up for less than £1,000, surely a bargain buy. He will be out to show his old team-mates that he can play, too, and perhaps crown his performance with a goal.

There must be a doubt, about Glynn's main striking partner Steve Long, who limped most of the second half at Hayes. If he does not make it, an extra burden will fall on the shoulders of Gary Toll, who has shown a steady improvement in the past two games.

Hot pace

Wycombe will certainly need to be at their sharpest, because Enfield are once again setting a red hot pace at the top. A 6-1 victory against Harlow on Tuesday put them six points clear, under new manager Eddie McCluskey.

McCluskey has succeeded Ted Hardy at Southbury Road, and has brought with him four top players from his previous club Barking.

These include formidable striker Peter Burton, probably the most prolific scorer in the Isthmian League, and stylish defender Keith Barrett. Both are clearly revelling in Enfield's bold attacking play.

What other club than Enfield could afford to have £9,000 worth of fully fit talent sitting on the sidelines? Yet this has been the situation recently.

Steve Oliver, a £4,000 signing from Barnet, and Lee Holmes, a £5,000 striker from Brentford, have both been left out this season, although Oliver seems likely to play tomorrow.

HAYES, hardly a happy hunting ground for Wycombe Wanderers in the past three seasons, was the scene of yet another disappointing result on Tuesday night.

After two successive Berger Isthmian League victories which brought them nine goals, Wycombe could not match Hayes' aggressive enthusiasm and so slipped to their second defeat of the season at Church Road.

Hayes, who had already bundled Wycombe out of the Hitachi Cup back in August, were good value for their win although there was little to

choose between the teams.

Wanderers suffered a double blow before the kick-off when they learned that neither Bobby Davies nor Terry Glynn was fit to play. So Mike Keen was forced to split up his successful side.

Stylish

Davies suffered a slight leg strain in the victory over Hungerford on Saturday and did not wish to risk it, while Glynn was suffering a mild bout of influenza. They were replaced by Keith Mead and Paul Miles.

Wycombe undoubtedly

missed Glynn, who has been in prime form of late and could never mount sustained attacks against a side with one of the best defences in the league.

The Hayes secret is to defend in depth and attack from quick breaks. So although Wanderers dictated much of the play during the first half with some stylish football, it was the home side who went closest to scoring.

Wycombe's best effort of the half was a low drive by Bob Dell which Paul Priddy did well to save. Defences were in control before half time and the only statistic was a booking for Steve

Hardwick, who handled the ball when Hayes threatened to make a quick break.

Having weathered the first half storm, Wycombe must have been confident of taking control in the second half. But it was Hayes who threw everything into attack just after the interval.

Only a brilliant diving stop by Gary Lester prevented the coloured Mickey Howell scoring with a header in the 50th minute, but shortly afterwards Howell helped Hayes take the lead.

His long throw-in from the right went to the near post, where Mead back-headed the ball into the far corner of his own side's net with Lester stranded.

This was a bit of bad luck for the Wanderers and it had not changed four minutes later when Jimmy Jacobs struck a post with a fine shot after a brilliant four man move.

It seemed that it was just not going to be Wycombe's night but in the 62nd minute their pressure was eventually awarded.

Panic

Steve Long sent over a corner from the right. Goalkeeper Priddy could not gather the ball under pressure and Gary Toll bundled it over the line for his second goal in two games.

Hayes began to panic and only a goal-line clearance stopped Long heading Wycombe into the lead. The visitors threw everything into attack but were caught out by a sharp incisive break and clinical finish.

Howell played a great ball into the path of Doyle, who coolly shot past Lester for the winning goal. One must question the positioning of the Wycombe back four, which had been completely caught out by the speed of the attack.

Wycombe's already weakened forward line was hit still further by a leg injury to Long, who limped throughout for most of the second half before being replaced five minutes from the end.

Youngster Paul West came on for Long — but not for long!

HAYES: P. Priddy, R. McKay, M. Harrison, L. Craker, M. Scott, S. Wilkins, M. McGovern, R. Bennett (sub: G. Huxley 80 mins), J. Auguste, D. Doyle, M. Howell.

WYCOMBE: G. Lester, P. Birdseye, G. Borg, K. Mead, S. Hardwick, R. Dell, J. Jacobs, M. Halford, P. Miles, S. Long (sub: P. West 65 mins), G. Toll.

Referee: C. Andrews.
Half-time 0-0. Scorers: Hayes: Mead (63 min), Doyle (70); Wycombe: Toll (62).

Worcester — a tough draw

WYCOMBE Wanderers have been drawn away to the powerful Alliance Premier League side Worcester City in the fourth qualifying round of the F.A. Cup to be played tomorrow week (November 1).

This really is a tough draw for the Wanderers, as Worcester are one of the strongest sides outside non-league football. They finished third in the Alliance last season and are well placed with games in hand, this winter.

In the competition so far Worcester have already disposed of Malvern Town, Llanelli and Barry, so Wycombe will provide them with their biggest test to date. They took two games to defeat Barry, drawing at home, and then winning 3-2 away on Wednesday.

They are packed with players of Football League experience. Perhaps the best known is the former Aston Villa goalkeeper Jimmy Cumbers, who also plays cricket for Worcestershire.

Cumbers has missed most of City's games this season as

he is on a cricket tour of the West Indies, but he is expected to be back before the Wycombe game.

Other experienced players include defender Paul Bevan, formerly of Swansea, Shrewsbury and Crewe, ex Wolves player Gerry O'Hara and striker Steve Crompton, who has played for both Wolves and Hereford.

Beat Liverpool

Worcester can boast a record unique in British football — that of a 100 per cent success record against Liverpool in the F.A. Cup.

It was back in 1958/59 that they defeated Liverpool, then a First Division side, 2-1, in the third round of the cup. They went out 2-0 to Sheffield United in the next round.

Watch out Wycombe!

Fowles leaves

Gary Fowles, Wycombe's tall central defender has been released by the club. Fowles, who was not on contract, was unhappy playing Reserve team football and so is on the move.

Fowles has been at Loakes Park intermittently for the past three years, but the return of Bobby Davies to a central defensive role, has rendered him surplus to requirements.

Manager Mike Keen has revealed that he hopes to sign a new forward in readiness for tomorrow's match. If signed, this new player could replace Mick Holifield, who has been suffering from a niggling injury in recent games.

Steve returns to Flackwell

Fleet Reserves 0, Wycombe Reserves 1

STEVE Toll, who for much of the season has been skipper of the Reserves, has decided to return to his old club, Flackwell Heath.

Toll, brother of Wycombe striker Gary, was not in the Reserves side which came away from Fleet Reserves with a 1-0 victory, thanks to a goal by Paul Miles in the Suburban League South Division on Saturday.

The only goal of the match came in the 34th minute and followed a period of Wycombe pressure. Earlier in the half, Miles had seen his shot from a Keith Mead free kick

hit the cross-bar and cleared by a defender.

Blues defence also had their moments of pressure. Chris Way was lucky enough not to concede a goal when a Fleet forward beat him, but then put his shot against the underside of the bar and saw it rebound into Way's arms.

Howard Kennedy, who is due to have a leg operation, turned out for the reserves. Ian Rundle took a knock in the second half and had to limp off, to be replaced by Clarke.

Wycombe: C. Way, T. Lee, I. Rundle (sub R. Clarke 80 mins), K. Mead, K. Stansmore, M. Richardson, P. Miles, A. Hunt, H. Kennedy, K. Stansbridge, E. Jack, Sub: R. Moore (not used).